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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koji KISHI et al.

Application No.: 09/914,552

Filed: August 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Unassigned

For: METHOD FOR ASSAYING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COMPONENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert as a new paragraph:

~~This application claims the benefit of earlier filed International Application No.~~

~~PCT/JP00/01172 filed February 29, 2000.~~

REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

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